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Fire Department Promotes First Female Battalion Chief

On Wednesday, October 17, 2007 Mayor Sheila Dixon and Fire Chief William J. Goodwin, Jr. will announce the promotion of the First Female Battalion Chief in the history of the Baltimore City Fire Department. A press conference will be held in the Mayor's Executive Conference room at 10:00 a.m.

This event represents a monumental day in the history of the Baltimore City Fire Department. Chief Laura Shiloh, a twenty year veteran entered the department as a Paramedic in 1987 and served in that capacity until being promoted to EMS Lieutenant in October of 1999. She promoted to EMS District Captain in March of 2003 and ascended to the rank of Battalion Chief in September of 2007. As a Paramedic, Chief Shiloh was assigned to Medic #8 located in West Baltimore and later provided service to the communities of Northeast Baltimore. It is because of her skilled performance, professional etiquette and unwavering leadership qualities that she is well respected by her co-workers "Chief Shiloh is a shining example of performance within our department", states Fire Chief Goodwin.



As Battalion Chief she will be responsible for supervising the operational aspects emergency medical services. In addition to her responsibilities, Chief Shiloh coordinates activities for the department's Paramedic Bike Team and serves as a member of the Accident Review Board. In 2005, at the department's Annual Medals Day Ceremony Chief Shiloh was presented with the Frank T. Barranco Award. This award was established by the fire department's local unions and recognizes an individual whose scholarship, leadership and performance best exemplifies those qualities in providing emergency medical services to the citizens of Baltimore.

Chief Shiloh currently maintains her certification as a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic and has received training at the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute as a Fire Service Instructor, EMS Officer I, Special Operations Command, Hazardous Materials Incident Analysis and Accident Re-construction by the Maryland State Police in addition to various fire service modalities.

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